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Louisiana black bear, contact:

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TO REPORT A BEAR CONFLICT

1-800-442-2511

(24 hours/7 days a week)



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Louisiana Black
Bear License
Plate

Show your support for the Louisiana black bear with the black bear license plate. Funds raised by sales of this plate will be forwarded to the La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and used for the management and restoration of black bear habitat around the state.

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SAFETY IN MIND



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Prevent Nuisance Bear Problems

Feeding bears is illegal.

NEVER intentionally feed a bear!



ONCE A BEAR FINDS FOOD, IT WILL COME BACK FOR MORE.

- 🐾 Store garbage containers in a secure shed or garage.
OR
- 🐾 Double-bag garbage and keep it indoors.
- 🐾 Take garbage to the curb the morning of pick-up, NOT the night before.
- 🐾 Frequently rinse garbage cans with bleach.
- 🐾 Do not leave pet foods out overnight.
- 🐾 Hang bird feeders out of a bear's reach - 10 feet high.
- 🐾 Clean outdoor grills frequently.



Bears are normally shy and not aggressive towards humans.



If You Encounter a Bear

- 🐾 **NEVER APPROACH A BEAR!**
- 🐾 Stay inside your home or vehicle. Shout and wave your arms to scare off the bear.
- 🐾 If outdoors, remain calm and back slowly to the safety of your home or vehicle. **DO NOT RUN!**
- 🐾 If a bear is in a tree in your yard, leave it alone. Remove people and dogs and allow the bear to come down on its own.
- 🐾 If you are attacked, fight back aggressively with anything available.
- 🐾 **DO NOT PLAY DEAD!**